



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.
Serial No.: 09/715,714
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For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR SECURING A GRAFT
LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL
Group Art Unit: 3738
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